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SUBJECT

Soviet Naval Vessels Sighted in the Finnish Gulf and in Kronshtadt

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1. The following observations were made

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a. At 3° NE of Sur-Sari was an unidentified two stack destroyer, the cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV, and a cruiser of the CHAPAYEV class. The vessels were proceeding in column in the order named.

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b. NW of Lavansaari were seen a destroyer of the GORDYY class, and a smaller-type submarine which dove

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c. NW of Seyskari was a larger submarine, similar to the "W" class. Its armament could not be observed.

d. 5' west of the Leningrad lightship was a submarine, steering on a course west and submarine chaser of the KRONSTADT-class, at anchor.

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near the Leningrad lightship, was minesweeper of the T-43 type, at anchor.

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f. In Kronstadt the following vessels were seen: cruiser of the KIROV class (the after-part of the vessel was hidden by a destroyer, but the fore-part agreed with the silhouette of the KIROV class; it was equipped and well painted. Approximately 200 men were observed formed up in divisions. The commander's flag was represented by a long pennant); destroyer of the SKORYY class; destroyer on which extensive bridge construction work was underway; an older vessel submarine chasers of the KRONSTADT class; minesweeper, probably of the T-43 type; and a vessel. It looked the same as the KRONSTADT class but without sheer; it had a straight stem; no depth charges or sweep equipment; little davits aft. The armament carried was the same as for the KRONSTADT vessels. Also present was submarine which was of the same class as mentioned above.

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g. At Kronshadt twelve motor torpedo boats were met, which were traveling at about 40 knots. [redacted] belonged to the PA type (sic), while of the remaining [redacted] belonged to an older, narrower type. All twelve were equipped with "Skin-Head" radar, and torpedo tubes like the PA type. The armament on the older motor torpedo boats consisted either of 25 mm antiaircraft guns or an antiaircraft machine gun on the afterdeck. On the PA-type craft the foremost cannon was triple-mounted.

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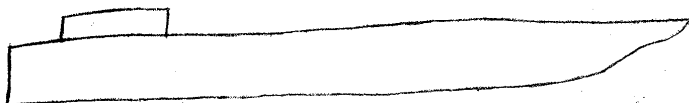
2. The following observations were made [redacted]

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In Kronshadt was KIROV-class cruiser [redacted] SKORYY-class destroyer [redacted] destroyer [redacted] under attack, and five unidentified others, submarines [redacted] of a large type, one smaller unidentified submarine, a merchant ship in dock, and two very poor and slender landing craft. These latter were newly painted [redacted] They were about 60 to 70 meters long (see sketch below).

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